

Health News Release

For immediate release: November 23, 2015 (15-194)

Contact: Media inquiries: Sharon Moysiuk, Communications Office 360-236-4074

Public inquiries: Health Systems Customer Service 360-236-4700

State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA -- The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 80 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "Look up a health care provider license" in the "How Do I?" section of the Department of Health website (doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Benton County

In July 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Shanna Deranleau** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Deranleau allegedly performed the duties of a medical assistant without having a license.

Clallam County

In July 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Richard Marschall** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Marschall allegedly continued to practice naturopathic medicine after his license was suspended.

Clark County

In July 2015 the secretary of health ordered **Ling Chen** to cease and desist the practice of massage, and pay a \$1,000 fine. Chen, who doesn't have a massage practitioner license, provided foot massage treatment to a client.

In July 2015 the secretary of health ordered **Mingyan Cao** to cease and desist the practice of massage and pay a \$1,000 fine. Cao doesn't have a massage practitioner license, but provided massage treatment to a client.

Disciplinary actions November 23, 2015 Page 2

In July 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Rose Ngo** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Charges say Ngo doesn't have a massage practitioner license, but co-owned and operated a business that advertised massage services.

In July 2015 the Massage Program amended a statement of charges against massage practitioner **Karol N. Rich** (MA60033481) to reflect that Rich has submitted proof of completing continuing education requirements.

In July 2015 the secretary of health ended revocation of the credential for health care assistant **Mary M. Wakeham** (HC00143071).

Franklin County

In July 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program entered an agreement with **Adilene Hamblin** that requires her to cease and desist from practicing as a medical assistant and pay a \$1,000 fine. Hamblin performed the duties of a medical assistant without a license.

King County

In July 2015 the secretary of health ordered **Yixiang Xiong** to cease and desist the practice of massage. Xiong, who must pay a \$1,000 fine, doesn't have a massage practitioner license, but provided massage treatment to clients.

In July 2015 the Pharmacy Commission charged pharmacy technician **Julian Maes** (VA00057023) with unprofessional conduct. Maes allegedly diverted narcotics from the pharmacy where he worked and sold the drugs.

Kitsap County

In July 2015 the Pharmacy Commission ended conditions on the credential of pharmacy assistant **Casey Lee Deese** (VB60452387).

Pierce County

In June 2015 the secretary of health conditionally granted registered nursing assistant and certified nursing assistant credentials to **Jeremy David Moylan** (NA60548533, NC60548529). Moylan must participate in a substance abuse monitoring program. In 2012 he was convicted of first-degree criminal trespass. In 2013 he was convicted of third-degree theft and third-degree malicious mischief.

In July 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Xiao Q. Tang** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Charges say that, despite not having a massage practitioner license, Tang operated a business with a sign for massage therapy and offered to provide a massage.

Disciplinary actions November 23, 2015 Page 3

Snohomish County

In July 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Betty Braling-Keir** (NC10053728) with unprofessional conduct. Braling-Keir worked at a facility for people with developmental disabilities. She allegedly raised her voice at, took food away from, slapped and shoved residents.

In July 2015 the secretary of health conditionally granted a home care aide credential to **Boyan Dimitrov Gonev** (HM60513237) and ordered him to enroll in a substance abuse monitoring program. He was convicted of four gross misdemeanors and three misdemeanors between 2005 and 2012.

In July 2015 the secretary of health ordered **Hongjun Li** to cease and desist the practice of massage, and fined Li \$1,000. In 2013 Li pleaded guilty to practicing massage without a license.

In July 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Yuxuan Liu** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Liu allegedly provided massage treatment without a license.

In June 2015 the secretary of health denied an agency affiliated counselor credential to **Sandra Brown** (CG60510814). She declined to respond to a request for information after she applied for a license.

Spokane County

In July 2015 the secretary of health ended probation for massage practitioner **Jaclyn Michiko Tsukamoto** (MA60277366).

Thurston County

In July 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Sherril Polk** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Charges say Polk has no physician license, but used a medical prescriptive device to perform laser hair removal.

In July 2015 the Chiropractic Commission ended conditions on the credential of chiropractor **Matthew W. Martinez** (CH60191433).

In July 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program entered an agreement with certified nursing assistant **Erika Espino** (NC10096849) that reactivates her credential and requires her to undergo an evaluation for a substance abuse monitoring program. Espino's license expired in 2012. In 2007 she was convicted of driving while intoxicated. In 2014 she was convicted of driving while intoxicated, and hit and run attended-aid/abet.

Whitman County

In July 2015 the secretary of health conditionally granted a home care aide credential to

Disciplinary actions November 23, 2015 Page 4

Debra Louise Kucklick (HM60518754) and ordered her to enroll in a substance abuse monitoring program. On her application, Kucklick said she had no criminal convictions. She was convicted of driving while intoxicated in 2006 and twice in 2013.

Yakima County

In July 2015 the Pharmacy Commission conditionally granted a pharmaceutical wholesaler credential to **Cascade Animal Care Products Inc.** (FX60490745) and placed it on probation for at least three years. In 2007 the company's president, Bruce Noyes, pleaded guilty to a federal charge of conspiracy to misbrand a drug while held for sale.

In July 2015 the secretary of health conditionally granted a chemical dependency professional trainee credential to **Richard Craig Hill** (CO60371105) and ordered him to undergo an evaluation for a substance abuse monitoring program. In 2012 Hill was found guilty of possession of a controlled substance, Vicodin.

Out of State

California: In July 2015 the secretary of health ordered **Yan Song** to cease and desist the practice of massage, and pay a \$1,000 fine. Song offered massage treatment despite having no license.

Nebraska: In June 2015 the secretary of health denied a certified nursing assistant credential to **Edward Mexon Nyirongo** (NC60539355). In 2005, 2007 and 2010 Nyirongo was convicted in Nebraska of offenses associated with driving under the influence.

Oregon: In July 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program amended a notification to **Kimberlee Anne Cvitash** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Charges say Cvitash doesn't have a massage practitioner license, but owns a business that advertised massage and solicited customers. She allegedly represented herself as a "certified massage specialist."

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

The <u>Department of Health website</u> (doh.wa.gov) is your source for *a healthy dose of information*. Also, <u>find us on Facebook</u> and <u>follow us on Twitter</u>.